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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6940

BILL NUMBER: HB 2061

DATE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Magistrates in Marion Superior Court.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		1,800,535	1,800,535
Net Increase (Decrease)		(1,800,535)	(1,800,535)

LOCAL IMPACT	CY 2001	CY 2002	CY 2003
Local Revenues			
Local Expenditures	(689,809)	(1,379,619)	(1,379,619)
Net Increase (Decrease)	689,809	1,379,619	1,379,619

Summary of Legislation: This bill converts 19 county-paid commissioner positions on the Marion Superior Court to 19 state-paid magistrate positions. It allows a magistrate appointed by the presiding judge of the Marion Superior Court to hear civil proceedings.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Since magistrates are state employees, the additional cost to the state will include salary, fringe benefits, and insurance. The following table shows the costs of each additional magistrate that is created.

Salary	\$72,000
Life Insurance	\$2,952
Social Security	\$5,508
PERF	\$5,760
Disability Insurance	\$1,512
Costs for Judicial Center	\$1,000
Health Dental Vision	<u>\$6,033</u>
Total Cost Per Magistrate	<u>\$94,765</u>

The additional cost for the 19 magistrates would be \$1,800,535.

Note: The additional cost for the Indiana Judicial Center includes only the costs for printing and mailing documents. Depending on the additional number of judicial officers that are created, the Center may need to add clerical staff .

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Currently, Marion County pays \$1,379,619 for the salaries and benefits of these 19 commissioners. If these commissioner positions are converted to magistrates, the savings to Marion County would be \$1,379,619 for a twelve-month period.

Under current law, the existing magistrate appointed by the presiding judge of the Marion Superior Courts may only hear criminal proceedings. As proposed, this magistrate would be able to hear civil proceedings, as well.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Judicial Center.

Local Agencies Affected: Marion Superior Courts.

Information Sources: IC 33-4-7-9.1; Gerald Zore, Marion Superior Courts.